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INDUSTRIAL ACCIDENT STATISTICS WILL BE GIVEN NEW APPROACH

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San Francisco, Calif.

Industrial accidents have always been of vital concern to organized labor. Their prevalence has led to the enactment of workmen's compensation legislation. Compensation for accidents, however, does not prevent them, and further steps are necessary in the field of accident prevention. How much this is needed can be seen when it is realized that in 1945 more than 400,000 injuries were reported in California, 130,000 of which were disabling and a large number of which were fatal.

There are a number of unanswered questions, answers to which must be found if a proper safety program is to be established. Investigation must be made into the causes of these accidents. Unsafe working practices and conditions must be revealed. Unsafe working equipment and environment must be exposed.

PROGRAM REVISED

In order to obtain some of the information required, the Department of Industrial Relations, under the authorization of legislation passed in 1945, is revising its program of collecting accident statistics. As a first step, in co-operation with a number of outside agencies, the "Employer's Report of Injury" is being revised. The primary emphasis in this revision will be to provide a statistical method of recording accident facts which are essential to accident prevention. The revised report will seek to ascertain not only that an accident happened, but why it happened, and under what conditions and circumstances.

IMPORTANT STEP

This program is a very important one and is long overdue. After all, California is the third most populous state in the country and is becoming more and more industrialized. It is inevitable that this continued industrialization is making the problem of industrial safety a more and more pressing one. Now, with this new program in effect, we shall know a good deal more about the cause of industrial accidents and shall be in a position to determine needed remedies. It will make possible the establishment of a comprehensive program of industrial safety. The statistics collected under this new procedure will provide a source for research not only into the causes of accidents but will be a guide to the need for safety activity and will encourage the development of a safety program. The Department of Industrial Relations is to be congratulated on its new efforts and every encouragement should be given to it to carry this program on.

PRESSING NEED SHOWN

A report of the Division of Labor Statistics and Research of the Department of Industrial Relations reveals how pressing is the need for further work in accident prevention. This report shows that, in 1945, the three most hazardous industries in the State, in terms of ratio of fatalities to employment, were the lumber and timber industry, the extraction of petroleum and other mineral resources, and trucking and warehousing. In each of these industries there was a loss of more than one life for each thousand wage and salary workers employed.

In the lumber industry, 47 lost their lives as a result of industrial accidents, and 4260 other accidents were reported. In the extraction of petroleum and other mineral resources, industrial accidents accounted for 39 deaths and 3953 disabling accidents. In trucking and warehousing, 53 lives were lost and 3201 persons suffered disabling injuries.

The report records the number of accidents in a good many other industries, and shows not only how appalling the industrial accident situation is but the need for a positive program of accident prevention.

House Snoopers Drop 'Spy Hunts' at Oak Ridge Installations

Washington, D. C. The dime-novel spy scare involving Oak Ridge, Tenn., atomic energy plants, started last March by investigator Ernie Adamson of the House Un-American committee, has been finally buried.

Rep. John S. Wood (D., Ga.), chairman of the committee, told reporters: "We haven't been able to find any spies. In my opinion, there are no spies at Oak Ridge."

Adamson's wild spy charges were whipped into a propaganda flame last summer by Rep. J. Parnell Thomas (R., N.J.) just before workers at three Oak Ridge plants voted in an NLRB election on representation by unions.

Warbler to Boot!



Shapely Anne Jeffreys doesn't depend on her beauty alone for success. She sang a leading role in the opera "La Tosca" that recently ran in New York. (Federated Pictures)

Office Wkrs. Plan Council

Formation of a Northern California Council of Office Employees, AFL, with several thousand members among locals now in existence, is being discussed by members and units in eight different cities with indications of strong support from all sides, including the labor movement in general.

Meetings have been held by Bay Area units to discuss plans. The proposal is now going to all potential local-members, and next meeting of interested units will be held in Oakland on December 7.

Those participating in the first talks nominated two of the Bay Area's most popular and most capable leaders in Office Employees unions. Secretary John Kinnick of Oakland Local 29 as acting chairman, and Secretary Eleanor Murphy of San Francisco Local 36, as acting secretary.

Units and members in San Francisco, Oakland, San Jose, Vallejo, Stockton, Napa, Sacramento, Westwood, and other cities are being contacted on the proposal, which has been lauded by high officers in the AFL movement as the next constructive step in the advancement of Office Employees organization in Northern California, through which experienced organizers can be sent into the field to broaden and strengthen the gains thus far made.

Assistance for smaller locals in their efforts, and better cooperation of the labor movement as a whole are further purposes of the proposed joint council.

The Wise Dame

Love's young dream had come to Mary, and she was telling Jane all about it.

"And then," she finished, with a soft light in her blue eyes, "he said he would lay the earth at my feet."

But the light in Jane's grey eyes were on the hard side.

"Sounds all right," she commented, "but it's not very practical. You have the earth at your feet already; what you want is a roof over your head."

Rent Sitdown May Follow Meat Strike

Washington, D. C. Organized landlords may go on a sitdown strike against the American people just as the meat packers did in order to dictate decontrol of rents, an OPA spokesman told Federated Press.

The Price Control Authority said that the threat of Seattle real estate men not to rent vacated premises until rent ceiling are raised "is the beginning of what may be a national movement by real estate people.

EMULATE MEAT PACKERS

"After all," he said, "they saw the meat packers do the same thing and get away with it. The Seattle agreement may be a pilot job to find out what the reaction will be, and if they find it is a good move others may follow it up all over the country."

But OPA officials assured the press that the agency will stand firm by its declared intention to hold the rent line, and one told FP: "All the surveys we have made indicate that the landlords have done pretty well throughout the war."

RENT ADJUSTMENTS

It was pointed out that OPA makes adjustments in individual cases where landlords have good reason to apply for rent boost.

There are 13 specific grounds on which an increase may be granted and OPA has been okaying rent raises at the rate of 20,000 a month. Increased operating costs, including wages, repairs and heating fuel are on the list, it was said.

OPA calculates that between 85 and 90 million Americans now live in areas where rent control is in effect. Of these, about 15,500,000 housing units are controlled. At the average figure of four persons to a housing unit, OPA says about 62,000,000 people are renters in areas, and this figure does not include residents of rooming houses or hotels.

The people generally seem to feel that rent control is the finest job of stabilization performed in the country during the war and postwar period," FP was told. "Rents have risen on the average about 4% since 1939. The people know that, and are grateful to the administration for it, because many of them remember what it was like during the first world war and immediately after."

In General Motors, largest auto employer, wages cannot be touched this year and the same is true of Ford.

Workers Buying Power 7% Less Than Last Aug.

New York City.

Although American factory workers are taking home 1.8% more pay each week than they were a year ago, the purchasing power of their increased payroll is 7% less than it was last August, according to a survey published here by the Natl. Industrial Conference Board.

While hourly earnings in August climbed 10.2% over the previous year, the board's figures showed that hours worked per week have been cut 7.8%, thus tending to level off the statistical wage jump.

The board's survey, which covered 25 industries, found that in 19 of them workers can buy less with their seemingly increased earnings than they could last year. The drop in real earnings varied from 1.7% in the wool industry to 19.3% in heavy equipment manufacturing.

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Plan Use of Radio 'Spots' to Combat Racial Prejudices

New York City. A new technique for selling Americans on the ideas of tolerance, political activity and other important social questions has been evolved by the Institute for Democratic Education here.

Convinced that short spot announcements have much more effect on the public mind than long-winded speeches, the group inaugurated a series of 1-minute shorts over station WNEW, urging listeners to fight prejudice, to maintain unity and to vote.

So effective was the tryout that the series will be distributed to every radio station in the U. S. and several stations in Hawaii and South America beginning Nov. 1.

San Diego Firms Use Neat One to Avoid Bargaining

San Diego, Calif. San Diego employers have hit upon what they consider a neat device to avoid bargaining with unions.

It's known as the "51% or else" system.

Associations of employers have sprung up all over town. As soon as a union claims membership of a majority of employers in one company, the now-familiar refrain is voiced by the association to which the firm belongs:

"We're operating as a multiple employer unit and you'll have to organize 51% of the entire industry before any of our members deals with you."

This has been the technique in the laundry and dry cleaning, the retail bakery and the department store fields.

But unions aren't being deceived by such tactics. The most powerful members of the laundry and dry cleaning industry, for example, are being picketed by two unions, Local 259, Laundry Workers Int'l. Union, and Local 424, Int'l. Bro. of Teamsters (both AFL).

Taken from under control and handed to the profiteers for pricing were flour, bread and bakery products, canned fish, candy, bananas, oranges, canned tomatoes and tomato products, canned pineapple and pineapple juice, breakfast cereals, macaroni and spaghetti.

As a consequence, OPA said, it was necessary to lift all price controls on sales of food and drink by restaurants and other resellers.

EXPLANATION CHANGES

OPA explained "the decontrol of livestock and food and feed products made from livestock (meat) coupled with the removal of most edible oils and oil products last week left only a small portion of foods under price control. As a result it was not feasible or practicable to maintain price control on the remaining few food products except in a few cases where special reasons exist for retaining controls."

"Moreover, retention of control over the products being decontrolled would not make a sufficient contribution to stabilization to warrant its maintenance."

FOOD TAKING HALF

In explaining statistical methods used to determine rises in the cost of living, the BLS report said that between January, 1941 and June, 1946, the price index rose to 133.3, making the 1941 dollar worth only 76¢ in June of this year. This fact, well known to readers of the labor press, was turned into a big news story by the wire services and the big-money papers.

The BLS report observed that "clauses requiring downward adjustments usually set a floor below which wage rates will not be reduced despite further downward movements in the BLS consumers price index."

That labor has done well to put a wage floor into contracts was made clear when industry members of the Natl. Wage Stabilization Board urged Stabilization Director John R. Steelman to reiterate his warning to the nation: "If prices keep on rising and precipitate a wage-price spiral, business and agriculture will find they have priced themselves out of the market and into a depression."

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Five-Day Week Won for Hotel Worker: To Get Premium Wage

New York City.

For the first time east of the Rockies, cafeteria workers have won the 5-day, 40-hour week with premium pay for the sixth day's work. The gain is registered in a contract signed between Local 302, Hotel & Restaurant Employees Int'l. Alliance (AFL) and the Affiliated Restauranteurs, Inc., covering 5000 workers in 140 New York cafeterias.

The workers will receive the same pay for the new work week as they formerly received for a 6-day, 48-hour week. Other gains in the agreement provide a 20% increase for all present 5-day workers, premium pay of time-and-a-quarter for work on the sixth day, an increase in the basic minimums and all conditions retroactive to October 1.

Foremen Flock To Union: Ask Full Coverage

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Cost of Food Eats Up Half of Workers Pay

Washington, D. C. Nine days after the Administration capitulated to the meat packers and ended price control on livestock and meat, the OPA announced its most sweeping decontrol action in five years by doing away with price control on virtually all foods.

Left under price control were items amounting to only 3 per cent of the consumer food bill. They are all "critically short commodities"—sugar, corn syrups, rice and a few edible oils.

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Dry Cleaners To Get Union Of Their Own

Cleaners and dyers in the Salinas area, organized under Laundry Workers Union 258, will be granted a union of their own and a new charter for the separate organization will be installed shortly.

John W. Deer, business representative of Local 258, said the cleaners and dyers had requested that they have their own union and charter, and that the international union approved the request. The new charter will be for such workers in the entire Monterey Bay area.

Washington, D. C. Wage reopening clauses are now in effect in contracts covering 72% of the workers in 22 key industry groups, according to a Bureau of Labor Statistics report discussing so-called escalator clauses.

In 1939, the report shows, only 5% of the labor contracts in manufacturing industries provided for wage adjustment during the life of the contract.

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The Labor Editor Speaks

AMERICA BACKS REACTION

The New China News Agency at Shanghai has released a story that over 80,000 Japanese troops are being used by Chiang Kai-Shek's forces in connection with the war against partisans in the northern areas. The charges are quite specific and in detail. We were told that the reason American troops are in China is to help disarm Japanese. We now have evidence that some 80,000 of them have not been repatriated, have not been disarmed, but have been retained as auxiliary troops, technicians and military advisers to help one Chinese group crush another Chinese group. If anybody thinks we are creating good will among the masses of exploited, underprivileged Chinese by underwriting this sort of thing, he has another think coming.

If Chiang's Kuomintang would set up a coalition government and institute some democracy in China, there wouldn't be any civil war. Chiang has had nearly 20 years to make a slight beginning in establishing rule of the people in the areas he controls, but he hasn't done a thing about it. How, then, can the partisans of the north have any faith in his promises? The excuse that the whole country must be "unified" under Kuomintang rule before even a start can be made in establishing representative, constitutional government is hogwash. The fact of the matter is that the landlord-banker class in China does not intend, and never did intend, to have democracy in China.

Under the circumstances, the partisan groups would be plain dumb to disarm and call it quits. And for the United States to throw its financial resources, moral backing and military assistance back of the corrupt, dictatorial clique that runs Kuomintang China is no whit better than Fascist Italy and Nazi Germany interfering in Spain to help Franco to establish "order" and "unity." We may kid ourselves that we are the great champions of democracy, but our foreign policy doesn't tally up with our pretensions. The fact is that our State Department is hell-bent on solidifying reaction in China as a "buffer" again "Russian influence." It's the same old song and dance of 1936-1937 when we, Britain and France refused to lift a finger to help the legally-elected, democratic government of Spain against the fascist raiders from without and within.

If the American people are to be jockeyed into the position of constantly underwriting reaction and dictatorship as the only alternative to "Russian influence," we will eventually become the most hated nation on earth. It is not too late for us to say to Chiang and his cohorts:

"Look here, old boy, you're always talking about democracy, but you never do a damned thing about it. You and your gang have had 20 years to start some democracy. You've got plenty of territory and plenty of people with which to set up and operate a democratic structure. We'll give you 60 days to get going. If by that time you haven't called a constitutional convention and set up a coalition government, we will withdraw all further financial, commercial and military assistance to your regime, and you and your Red neighbors can batte it out to a finish."

That is the proper attitude for this country to take, the one that Jefferson, Jackson, and Lincoln would have taken. It is the attitude that Truman and Byrnes should take, but they won't take it unless the American people get up on their hind legs and yell like the devil.

"DEMOCRACY" IN GREECE

A veteran American foreign correspondent, George Weller, recently reported to his paper, the *Chicago Daily News*, that in Greece none of the hundreds of collaborationists with the Nazis have been executed. He goes further. He says that many Greek army officers who worked with the invading Germans are still part of the Greek national army. In the Cadet School, he adds, over 200 men who battled with the Germans against guerrillas led by Allied forces, are being trained as lieutenants. This, we think, is one of the best answers to the hypocritical British contention that they have been dominating Greece for the sole purpose of seeing that "democracy" is established. Some day the whole nasty truth about what has been going on behind the British "velvet curtain" in Greece will come to light, and it won't be a very pretty picture.

TAFT IS DAFT

Ohio's Taft, who recently shed bitter tears over the dreadful fate of Goering and his pals, is now crying in his gin because the OPA brought inflation. Ohio is a great state, but we marvel at the miserable morale of the voters who tolerate Taft as their senator.

DOG CHASES HIS TAIL

Well, folks, you've been yowling for lifting of price controls so you could get meat, and now you can start yowling for more wages so you can buy some of it!

GIGGLES AND GROANS

HORRIBLE ALTERNATIVE

Then there was the chap who grabbed off an ugly woman and married her just because she happened to be filthy rich. He dragged her with him to every party, show or entertainment that came his way.

"I can understand," said a friend, "how you'd marry that painfully ugly woman for her dough, but why do you have to bring her with you every time you go out?"

"It's very simple," the husband explained. "It's easier than kissing her good-bye."

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PURELY EVANESCENT

It was at the Atlantic City Beauty Parade. Miss Teras slithered by in her form-fitting white bathing suit. An excited lothario found his heart beating faster and declared:

"Joe, this is love at first sight!" "Don't be silly," counseled his friend Joe. "It's just a passing fancy."

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AT THE OLD STAND

The census taker viewed Mandy and the six tots of varying ages around her with a puzzled frown. He seemed particularly intrigued with a squirming infant in her arms.

"I don't quite understand you," he admitted. "Did you say that your husband died six years ago?"

"Yes, sir," she replied emphatically. "He died, but I didn't."

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WE'RE AFRAID OF IT

MOITIE: "Say, Goit, what's a psychiatrist?"

GOTIE: "Don't you know that? What ignorance! Why, a psychiatrist is an exploit that tries to find out if infants have more fun in infancy than adults have in adultry."

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NOCTURNAL PHENOMON

An aristocratic Englishman was showing a Yankee visitor some portraits of his ancestors. One had distinguished himself in the wars with the Dutch, another won the Victoria Cross in the Crimea, another served with distinction in India, and so on. The finest picture of all was that of Sir Henry, who was described as the Founder of the Family.

"What did HE do?" asked the American.

"Why, he founded the family," answered the Englishman.

"Yes, you told me that," said the Yankee, "but what did he do in the day-time?"

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QUOTH THE RAVEN

MOE: "Know what the doe said as she walked out of the woods?"

ZOE: "No—what?"

MOE: "She said, 'Till never do that for a buck again!'"

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TWAS HER UNDOING

REPORTER (interviewing old lady of 102): "Tell me, grandma, what's life like at your age?"

OLD LADY: "Well, son, you might say it's nothing but buttoning and unbuttoning."

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AND CHECK THE BRAINS

BABER (looking at the young sheik's sleek hair): "Do you want it cut, or shall I just change the oil?"

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THE REAL CONCERN

There was a sad incident one day in the heart of the Ozark Mountains. A farmer's mule kicked his mother-in-law to death. A tremendous crowd turned out for the funeral, but it was made up almost entirely of men.

The minister commented, "This old lady must have been mighty popular because so many people will leave their work to come to her funeral."

"They're not here for the funeral," said the surprised farmer. "They're here to buy the mule."

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A devoted wife is always anxious to get home to her husband. She is afraid he may be enjoying her absence.

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WE'LL SAY HE IS

ZOE: "Say Moe, what's a 'diplomat'?"

MOE: "Well, diplomat is a man who can talk his wife into being sorry for the girl who lost the pins in the back seat of his car."

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PIVOTAL ACCIDENT

Little Johnny was excusing himself for kicking his younger brother in the stomach.

"Aren't you ashamed of yourself for kicking your little brother in the tummy?" admonished his mother.

"It was his own fault, Mother," Johnny replied. "He turned around."

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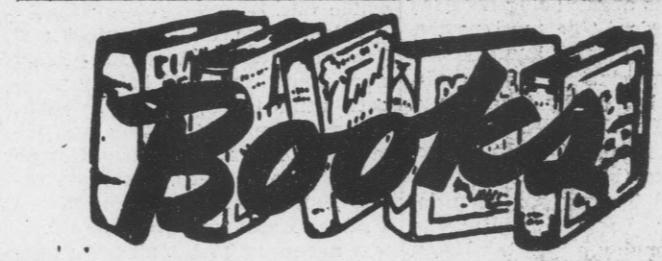
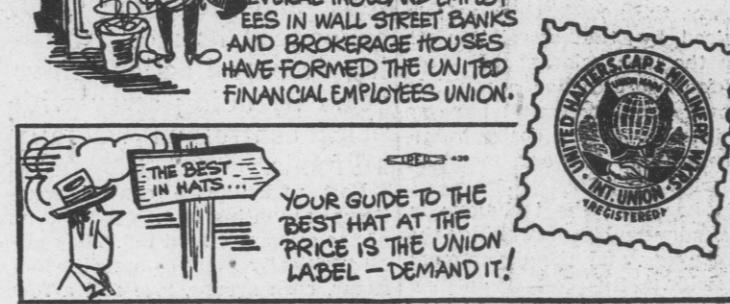
And then there's the woman who wanted to be driven out to a monastery during the recent poultry shortage because she had heard they had friars there!

Pome of Pashun

A daring young maid from Dubuque risked rather decided rebuke

By receiving a prude
In the absolute nude
But he gasped, "If you only could
cuque!"

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RADIO'S CONQUEST OF SPACE

by Donald McNicol. Published by Rinehart & Company, 232 Madison Avenue, New York 16, N. Y. Price \$4.00.

Here, in one of the newest releases of Rinehart & Company, we have one of the most comprehensive outlines of the development of radio communication ever written, and Donald McNicol has done a workmanlike job. The author is especially qualified to write on the subject, being a past president of the Institute of Radio Engineers. As far back as 1900 he himself made the first experimental wireless transmitter and receiver in the midwest area. Lately he has taught electrical communication at Columbia University and is noted as a general consultant in this expanding field.

One does not need to be familiar even with elementary radio principles and mechanics to enjoy this book. If you have tinkered with and built sets, you will have a better understanding of the technical parts of the story. But the radio story itself is one of the world's most thrilling and any layman will enjoy this presentation of it. The book will be particularly enjoyed by those who have followed the technical side of radio (even as amateurs) from the old "cat whisker" days.

Beginning with a background chapter on "Electricity, the Fore-runner," McNicol covers electromagnetic waves, interstation selectivity, transmitters, antenna, oscillators, electric wave detectors, wireless ocean spans, the vacuum tube, wireless telephony and many other allied topics.

As a radio technician, I'm a complete washout, but I thoroughly enjoyed this book, and I know you will, too.

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—AL SESSIONS.

THE RUSSIA I BELIEVE IN, by Samuel Harper. Published by the University of Chicago Press, 5750 Ellis Avenue, Chicago 37, Illinois. Most books on Russia are violently pro or violently anti. Authors too often use either black or white in painting a picture of the Soviets, forgetting that truth usually depends on the use of a little grey once in a while. This one, by the late Samuel Harper, does not set out to be controversial. It is more in the nature of a report.

Harper, who was the son of the first president of the University of Chicago, decided to make a study of Russia's life work. He mastered the language, and managed to split his time for more than a generation between Russia and the United States. He saw and studied Czarist Russia many years before the 1917 revolution, during the first World War, watched the revolution brewing, and the counter-revolution, and for many years viewed the regime of Lenin and Stalin in action. The work is, in a sense, biographical, and put together by his brother after his death in 1943. Much of it consists of reprints of letters to his mother from Russia, so that fresh impressions as written at the time may be presented to the reader.

Harper's opinions are gentle and balanced. He does not go overboard for or against anything. He seriously tried to observe Russia through all its trials as a student. He saw much that was evil in old Russia, much that is good in the new Russia. He loved the people of that far-flung land, and so it would be impossible for him to write such a supercilious, sour book as turned out by a Bill White.

3. "We will fight for a program to assure a standard of living for all farmers equal to that of city dwellers and free from the ravages of recurrent depressions." This means extension of rural electrification cooperatives and more schools, housing and libraries for rural areas.

4. "Pledged to PROGRAM

The six westerners, pledging themselves to their announced seven-point program for the 80th Congress, announced their willingness to cooperate with progressives from other regions in similar programs "for economic freedom and greater industrialization."

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Ignorances Causes Boss' Union Fears

"Management's fear of unions is based mostly on ignorance. Antagonistic management builds in labor the very militant unionism it despises. If management is to win the trust of labor, it must itself be trustworthy. If it wants labor to be responsible and give good effort, management must set the example by being willing to settle every question on the basis of what is right and fair to all parties, and must put forward a good effort itself to work with labor and look out for labor's interests."

(Statement by Mr. Richard Flood, Personnel Manager for Canadian General Electric before M.R.A. Conference at Mackinac Island during union-management Labor Day discussion.)

Clip and Keep
DISABILITY INSURANCE

SERIES IV

With today's group of questions and answers, we conclude a series giving pertinent information about the new disability insurance program which becomes effective Dec. 1. The Unemployment Compensation Disability Benefits program is administered by the California Department of Employment. Complete information about disability may be obtained at the many local offices of the Department.

Q: How is the amount of disability insurance payable to an individual determined?

A: The same benefit year, base period, and wage credits used for computing the maximum amount and weekly benefit rate for unemployment insurance apply with respect to disability insurance.

Q: How much may a claimant receive in disability insurance?

A: The amount varies but is the same as for unemployment insurance. If a worker earned \$2000 during his qualifying or base period, he would qualify for \$468 during his benefit year. This is the maximum amount. If he earned only \$300 during his base period, he would qualify for a maximum of \$160 during his benefit year. Weekly payment rates are between \$10 and \$20, depending upon earnings in the highest quarter of the base period.

Q: How long will disability insurance be paid?

A: If the worker remains eligible, until the total award for the benefit year is exhausted. The maximum period for paying disability insurance is 23 1/2 weeks, but that period may be shortened if the claimant has already received more than half of his unemployment insurance total award for

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Railroads in Reich Resume Benefit Plan

Berlin, Germany. It is reported that the Reich Railways have resumed retirement payments under their Social Insurance Scheme, including health insurance, to persons unfit for work and officials, clerks and workers over 65 years of age. Payments have also been resumed to dependents of railway employees. Some 10,000 persons are again receiving regular assistance.

Joy in a Kiosk

Billy Rose, N.Y. saloonist, recently Galluped 22,000 men on the question: "Name the girl you would most like to be locked up with for a night in a telephone booth." The 10 winners, in the order of their popularity: Lena Turner, Rita Hayworth, Ingrid Bergman, Gene Tierney, Betty Grable, Esther Williams, Hedy Lamarr, Jane Russell, Maureen O'Hara, Ann Sheridan.

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Chicago. — Workers thrown out of jobs in strike-bound plants and those who refuse to pass picket lines are entitled to collect unemployment compensation after the normal waiting period of one week, instead of after the five weeks strikers must wait the unemployment Compensation Board of Review has ruled. It was a complete reversal of its previous position.

A. F. of L. spokesmen hailed the decision as a "great victory." They said that more than 100,000 workers denied compensation under a previous ruling will now be eligible for it.

Drug Companies Hit For Misrepresenting 'One-Cent' Bargains

Washington, D.C. Three drug companies, United Rexall, Liggett Drug, and Owl Drug of S. F. have been ordered by the Federal Trade Commission to cease and desist from alleged misrepresentation of "factory-to-you" sales and "one-cent" sales. The FTC complains that retail stores "mark up" the factory price in the first types of sale, and that in the second type ("one-cent"), the "regular" price is not regular and, therefore, the "public is thereby led to believe that the reduction in price during the sales is greater than is actually true."

Soviet Workers Spank Manager About Overtime

London, England. Soviet News, published by the Press Department of the Soviet Embassy in London, reports that early this year the eight-hour day was restored on Soviet railways and pre-war time tables reinstated. It appears from the report that difficulties were experienced because certain managements, and even the Railway Ministry itself, thought they could ignore the re-established regulations.

Workers Get Paid for Going Out on Strike!

Detroit, Michigan. All strikers were paid for lost time when Bed Spring Workers Local 405 (AFL) won a 6-day stoppage for a 12c hourly raise.

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Amalgamated Meat Cutters Win a \$10 Hike from Packers

Chicago. — A \$10 weekly raise was won from meat packers here by the Amalgamated Meat Cutters and Butcher Workmen (AFL) after prolonged negotiations.

The butchers had entered negotiations with the packers at the same time as the United Packinghouse Workers, who are also seeking a 2-day session at which they heard Marine Gen. Evans Carlson, retired, in a transcribed speech condemn those who are seeking to indoctrinate the American people for a third world war.

Phoney Claims Of 'Baby Shoe Cleaner' Rapped

Washington, D.C. Beau Peep Products of Chicago has been ordered by the Federal Trade Commission to stop representing that "Beau Peep Baby Shoe Cleaner" is nonallergic or sterile under conditions of use and won't rub off. The Commission unanimously found that the product, advertised with the slogan—"mothers need not worry when their toddler tot begins to chew his little shoe"—was misrepresented in several particulars.

London is reported sinking at the rate of an inch every five years. The world's largest city may some day be the lowest.

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Conference on China Demands Troop Withdrawal

San Francisco, Calif.

An unanimous demand for withdrawal of American troops from China was made here by 700 delegates to the first national Conference on China and the Far East.

The delegates, representing numerous labor, civic and religious groups throughout the nation, met in a 2-day session at which they heard Marine Gen. Evans Carlson, retired, in a transcribed speech condemn those who are seeking to indoctrinate the American people for a third world war.

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BAKERS 24—Meets 3rd Saturday at Teamsters Office, John and Main at 5 p.m. Pres., Louie Grasso, 251 Clay St., phone 8819. Bus. Agent, Cecil L. Bradford, Office at 72 N. Second St., San Jose, phone Ballard 6341.

BARBERS 827—Meets 3rd Monday at Labor Temple, 117 Pajaro, at 8 p.m. Pres., John Durnell, 533 E. Alisal. Secretary, Leon J. Smith, 207 Main St., phone 4302.

BARTENDERS 545—Meets 1st and 3rd Monday at 2 p.m. at Salinas Labor Temple, 117 Pajaro St. Secy., Bertha Boles. Office, 117 Pajaro St., phone 4717.

BOXMAKERS AND SHED WORKERS 3034—Meets 1st Thursday at Labor Temple at 8 p.m. Pres., Jack Long, 720 E. Market Secretary, John W. Deere, 117 Pajaro St. Bus. Agt., 117 Pajaro St., phone 4717.

BUTCHERS 506 (SALINAS BRANCH)—Pres., Geo. Gilbert, Fin. Sec., E. L. Courtright, 1221 First Ave., Salinas, phone Salinas 6238. Exec. Secy., Earl Moorhead, Labor Temple, San Jose, phone Columbia 2123.

CARPENTERS 925—Meets first and third Tuesdays at 7:30. Carpenters Hall, Pres., Ray Luna; Vice-Pres., I. Miller; Fin. Secy. and Bus. Agent, G. R. Harter; Treas., O. O. Little; Rec. Secy., A. O. Miller. Hall and office at 422 N. Main St., phone 5721.

CARPENTERS AUXILIARY 373—Meets 1st and 3rd Wednesdays, Carpenter Hall, 7:30 p.m. Pres., Mrs. Ray Luna, 1214 2nd Ave.; Sec., Mrs. Carolyn Darling, Rt. 2, Box 582, Watsonville.

CENTRAL LABOR COUNCIL (MONTEREY COUNTY)—Meets every Friday night at 8 p.m. at 117 Pajaro St. President, John W. Deere. Secretary, E. L. Courtright, Office 117 Pajaro St., Salinas, phone Salinas 7787.

CULINARY ALLIANCE 467—Meetings subject to call. Secy., Bertha Boles, Office, 117 Pajaro St., phone 6209.

ELECTRICAL WORKERS 243—Meets first Wednesday of each month at 117 Pajaro St. Pres., L. E. Towle, 118 Harvest St. Rec. Secy., J. H. Person, 34 Felice St., phone 20302. Fin. Secy., E. R. Silk, 129 Rodeo St., phone 4589. Bus. Mgr., W. E. L., 1251 E. Alisal St., phone 7515.

ENGINEERS (OPERATING) 165—Meets 1st Monday, Labor Temple, 117 Pajaro St., 8:30 p.m. Pres., Bruce Murdock, P.O. Box 663; Sec., Harry Vosburgh, 404 Calif. St., phone 4972; Bus. Agt., R. A. Christiansen, P.O. Box 973, Watsonville.

FISH CANNERY WORKERS UNION OF MOSS LANDING—Meets at Castroville Community Hall on the "light of the moon" each month. Office at Moss Landing, telephone Castroville 6202. George Isse, general secretary-treasurer; Leo Hettinger, Moss Landing representative.

LABORERS 272—Meets second Monday at 8 p.m. at 117 Pajaro St. R. Fenchel, Pres., 146 Hitchcock Rd., phone 5810, office 6639. J. F. Mattos, Sec., 104 Lang St., Salinas. Bus. Agt. J. B. McGinley, Labor Temple, 117 Pajaro St., phone 6777.

LABORERS & HOD CARRIERS HALL ASSOCIATION—Meets 2nd & 4th Mon., 117 Pajaro. Pres., R. Fenchel, Rep., 146 Hitchcock Rd., phone 5810, office 6639. Sec-Treas., John Mattos, phone 6777.

LATHERS UNION NO. 463—Meets in Salinas Labor Temple second and fourth Fridays, 8 p.m. President, Roy R. Benge, Hillby St., Monterey, Phone Monterey 4820; Sec-Treas., Dean S. Seefeld, 526 Park St., Salinas, phone 9223.

LAUNDRY WORKERS 258—Meets 3rd Thursday at Salinas Labor Temple at 5:30 p.m. Pres., Mildred Clayton, 18 McF

CARPENTER ROUNDUP

Armistice Day will NOT be a holiday for members of Carpenters 925 of Salinas, reports Business Agent George R. Harter. Under the Associated General Contractors' contract with carpenters in 46 counties of Northern California, Armistice Day is not listed as a holiday. This holiday was swapped for Admission Day (Sept. 9), it was reported.

Harter said this would be the first year that the union had not observed Armistice Day as a holiday since the holiday was first created.

Here is the schedule of office hours of Local 925:

Mondays through Fridays—7:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.

Saturdays—8 to 9:30 a.m., 12:30 to 1:30 p.m., 4:30 to 5:30 p.m.

Meeting days (first and third Tuesdays)—7:30 a.m. to 7:30 p.m. but closed during meetings.

Mrs. LeRoy Brown, wife of one of the members, is the union's new office secretary who will accept members' dues and give necessary information at the union office.

Possibility that the State Prison Farm job at Soledad, now being done by convict labor, would try to have union plumbing and electrical contractors work with the prisoners was being investigated by Business Agent Harter this week. The job is progressing very slowly.

Women Hired for Tram Driving in Budapest

Budapest, Hungary
Women are now being employed as tram drivers by the Tramways. Six women have already successfully passed the test.

The Acid Test

A timid-looking little man was being kidded by a group of merry-makers at the club.

"What are you—a man or a mouse?" asked a noisy fellow.

"A man, of course."

"Why are you so positive?" continued the other.

"Because my wife is afraid of a mouse."

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Upholding the injunction, the court decision declared that the "right to boycott for coercive purposes" is not one of the fundamental purposes guaranteed by the state constitution or statutes.

AFL Wins Poll At Oak Ridge; CIO Backs Out

Oak Ridge, Tennessee. Some 1,100 workers ranging from garbage collectors to powerhouse technicians came into the AFL camp here when 700 employees of the Roane-Anderson Co. cast their votes for the federation in an NLRB election.

The CIO previously requested not to be included on the ballot on grounds that foremen were being permitted to vote along with hourly paid employees.

Good chunk of Pacific Tel. & Tel.'s \$400 million expansion program is for western network of coaxial cables, the groundwork of television. Its new exchange at 25th and Capp, SF, is under way, cost \$1½ million.

Football 'Big Biz'? Look at This Take!

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Don't Run for Office If You Are Colored, Story's Moral

Atlanta, Georgia. Aurelius S. Scott, sole Negro contestant for the office of coroner of Fulton county against 23 white candidates, was committed to a private hospital for "quiet and rest" by his brother, C. A. Scott, who as editor of the Atlanta Daily World opposed Scott's campaign. Editor Scott denied outside influence caused his action.

You Said It!

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SAN JUAN AREA: Sister Byrle Klock was elected the new Shop Stewardess at Sam Regas & Sons. We ask all of our members working at this plant to co-operate with Byrle Klock.

It is very likely that this Company may employ a swing shift. A meeting will be called at San Juan perhaps the 3rd Tuesday of this month. You will be notified as to time and place.

WATSONVILLE AREA: The tomato season at the Watsonville Canning Company came to an abrupt end on Friday, Nov. 1. We ask all of our people who worked at this cannery to register at our Watsonville office for re-employment and if no work is available to take out a withdrawal card so that you won't go delinquent in your dues.

SALINAS AREA: Raiter Canning Company—Tomato season will have come to a close when you read this column. We advise all of our members to report to our office for re-employment; and if no work is available, take out an honorable withdrawal card. This Company will run through the winter on spinach but will not use a large force as was employed during the tomato season.

Dempsey-Hudson Company: This Company may employ a swing shift some time this month. If so, they will need 30 or 40 additional workers.

TO ALL OUR MEMBERS: Our International Union issues withdrawal cards to all members who leave the jurisdiction of the Union, provided, their current month's dues are paid. While on a withdrawal, you pay no dues and when you return to work, you place your withdrawal card with the Union, plus one month's dues and you automatically are in good standing. Please do this for your own good. This should benefit seasonal workers. REMEMBER, if you neglect to take out a withdrawal card, you will become a delinquent member if you fail to continue paying your dues.

The following members received Verna Barrett, Salinas, Calif.; Audra Mitchell, Salinas, Calif.; Julia Azevedo, Salinas, Calif.; Berley S. Casey, Salinas, Calif.; Earl Sailey, Salinas, Calif.; Neta McCoid, Gilroy, Calif.; Learlie Allen, Salinas, Calif.; Ophelia Villalobos, Gilroy, Calif.; Leonora Tarr, Salinas, Calif.

Oil Workers to Seek Pay Hikes Of 25c An Hour

Galveston, Texas. Oil workers will demand a pay raise of 25c an hour in immediate negotiations with the industry, it was decided here at a union conference.

Meeting in Galveston, a 24-man policy committee created by the union's recent convention authorized local unions to begin negotiations Nov. 1 for the \$2 daily increase. Wage conferences with oil companies will also be arranged on a district basis and the major companies will be asked to meet with the union on a national level.

The policy committee declared that as a result of rising living costs oil workers' real wages have risen \$8.44 a week in recent months. At the same time oil industry profits stand at an all-time high, 12.7% above prewar levels, while prices are 44% higher than prewar and hourly earnings are only 31 per cent higher.

"We regard a 25c hourly increase as a modest effort to achieve balance between the income of oil workers and skyrocketing prices," said a union official.

The union also emphasized its goal of full production to meet the critical postwar needs of the nation.

The Horrible Example

Nogales is known among union members as the "horrible example."

There are few unions in Nogales. Wages are probably lowest in Arizona. The state labor department has had considerable trouble in the past in forcing Nogales employers to observe the wages and hours set by law for female employees. The employers have gone into court in efforts to knock out the law.

Many of the men and women employed by Nogales firms live across the line in Mexico. They cross to this side to work. They go without saying that the American standard of living is something which they never even approach. The pay which they receive from Nogales employers is too low for that.

They have "the right to work," and are a horrible example of the conditions which prevail among working people when unions are non-existent in their locality.—Arizona Labor Journal.

Feline Colloquy

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